MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education, Student Success Leaders, Regional Offices, 6Ways Aboriginal Translation

FROM: Kirsten Parker, Director

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Information about Secondary School Programs now online in 5 Aboriginal Languages

Information about new programs in Ontario’s secondary schools is now available in five Aboriginal languages at www.ontario.ca/6ways.

This website has information about innovative new programs that give students more ways to accumulate credits and graduate, while improving the quality of secondary school education.

This information is now available online in Algonquin, Ojibwe, Oji-Cree, Mohawk, and Swampy Cree as well as English, French, and 24 other languages.

Please share this information with the principals and Student Success Teams at your schools.

We are committed to strengthening Aboriginal voices and involvement in education, and to ensuring that First Nation, Métis and Inuit students have every opportunity for success.

That is why in January we announced the Aboriginal Education Strategy and launched the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework.
These initiatives will help all Aboriginal students to reach their full potential and also raise awareness about First Nation, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories, and perspectives among all students.

For more information on the Aboriginal Education Strategy visit the Ministry of Education website.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Parker

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